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from the Harijans of Srivaikuntam taluk and 16 applications for assignment of darkhast land and four applications for assignment of house-site were received from the Harijans of Tiruchendur taluk.

" (b) Twenty-one cases of house-sites in Srivaikuntam and four cases of house-sites in Tiruchendur taluk. No assignment of darkhast land was made in these taluks.

" (c) Twenty cases for darkhast land and two cases for house-sites in Srivaikuntam taluk and one case for darkhast land and no case for house-site in Tiruchendur taluk were rejected."

Expenditure incurred on the Neyveli Lignite Mines.

* 907 Q.—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent by this State on the Neyveli Lignite Mines up to 31st March 1953; and

(b) the amount of compensation given to the respective occupiers of the lands acquired for the mines?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Rupees 34,23,097.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 1,12,840 has been paid as compensation to owners of lands acquired for the mines."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This has come before the House a number of times."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், இந்த நெய்வேலி புராஜெக்டில் எத்தனை ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய குடும்பங்கள் அகற்றப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? எத்தனை பிற்பட்ட வகுப்புக் குடும்பங்கள் அகற்றப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன ? ஒவ்வொரு குடும்பத்திற்கும் எவ்வளவு மான்யம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவாரா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think the Government have any statistics according to the number of persons like Harijans, Backward Classes and so on. For collecting the general statistics, I would require notice, Sir."

Allotment of house-sites to Harijans of Kolakkattakurichi, Tirunelveli district.

* 908 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harijans of Kolakkattakurichi village in Thiruvengadam firka of Sankaranayinarkoyil taluk, Tirunelveli district, paid Rs. 1,615 in the Sankaranayinarkoyil treasury in 1948 towards the cost of a plot of Government land for assignment to them as house-sites;

(b) if so, whether the Harijans have been assigned this plot; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?